

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR NOVEMBER 17, 2024

**Parking** | spots are available in the parking lot and on the Park Drive side of the church. Additional Parking spaces are available across the street, at the school.

**Large Print Bulletins** | If you would like to use a large print bulletin, please help yourself to one on the back pew or ask an usher for assistance.

**OFFERING** | Stationary plates are placed at the rear of the pews for your offerings. Online giving through the church's website is also encouraged. <https://www.gracethornville.org/giving>

**PRAYER** | Kathy Aberegg, Carol Cormican, Rick Rockwell, Vicky Thomas, Vivian, Ron Pairan, Pastor Tom Phillips, Jessica Dyer, Andrew Smith, Terry, Alicia Finck, Mark Knauff, Shawn, Bradley, Holly Culver, Robin, Terri, Brittany, Danny Proch, Erin, Ally, Charlie, Brittany, Sharon, Sherry, John, George, Ethan, Matt Pierce, CJ Severance, Sue Robison, Jeff Craft, Connie Trinkle, Wayne Forsythe, Daryl, Brittany, Roger Metz, Norma Baker, Clarence, Jim, Kathy & Ed, Michael & Christina, Patty Jenny's Aunt Marie, Corrie, Penny Slater, Glenna Jones. Prayer-line: [prayer@gracethornville.org](mailto:prayer@gracethornville.org), 740.246.6576, or Sharon Roshon 740.467.3198.

**Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of God in celebration of Tom & Twila Rodgers' 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary tomorrow.

**Happy Birthday** wishes to Pat K'Miller who is celebrating her birthday today.

**Newsletter Articles** for the December *Gracevine* are due in the church office on Tuesday.

**New Sign-Ups!** Please visit the Congregation Corner in the gathering space. New sign-up opportunities needing prompt responses have been posted. Pies for Thanksgiving Worship Service; Youth Lock-In; Women's Christmas Circle-Up. Check it out!

**Thanksgiving Worship Service** - Please join us in giving thanks for the many blessings we all share on Wednesday, November 27, 2024, 7:00pm. Pie and coffee fellowship will follow the service. Donations of pies needed.

**Youth Mission/Service Trip for 2025.** Those interested in attending a summer mission trip are asked to meet with Pastor Tom today following the 10:30 worship service. Meet in St. John's room. There are weeks available from mid June to close to the end of July. There are locations in both Loveland, Colorado and Kenosha, Wisconsin. The website of the organization is [groupmissiontrips.com](http://groupmissiontrips.com) if you want to look at it more yourself. For the "Week of Hope" trips, the cost is \$348 per person, but we have quite a bit of money in the youth account that could cover a good amount of that if not the entire amount, depending on how many people we have going. Questions? email [pastor@gracethornville.org](mailto:pastor@gracethornville.org).

**Thornville Food Pantry** would like to thank everyone for your continued generous support of the pantry. Your donations of non-perishable items and money are greatly appreciated. An average of 30 families visit the pantry each month.

**Monticello Circle** will not meet this month. Next meeting will be December 4, 6:00pm. Meet at Max & Erma's Restaurant in Lancaster. Questions contact Sharon Roshon 740-467-3198.

**It's LOCK-IN time!!!** Attention all youth from grades 2nd-12th!! We are having our Annual End of the Year Lock-in on Saturday Nov 30th!!! Kids can arrive at 4pm and can be picked up after the 10:30 worship service on Sunday. All kids must bring: pillow, sleeping bag, blanket and at least 1 item to donate to the local food pantry. We will have dinner, games, doing a service project and of course everyone's favorite activity Hide & Seek!! Any questions ask Casey Sigler or Theresa Jacobson. Please RSVP on the sign-up in the gathering space by Wednesday Nov 27th.

**Grace will be Serving Cookies and Hot Chocolate** for the annual Thornville Christmas tree lighting event on Sunday, December 1. Cookies and/or hot chocolate donations needed! They can be dropped off in the church kitchen the morning of the event. Parade will start at 5:00 ending at the Masonic Lodge where hot dogs will be served. Cookies and hot chocolate will be available at Grace Lutheran! A tree lighting will occur at 6:00 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge and of course Santa will be there! Trinity UCC will have a live nativity following the tree lighting.

**The Women's Board** will host a "Christmas Circle Up" here on Saturday, Dec. 7, 10 am. All women are invited! During this gathering we will have a short business meeting, fun, fellowship, lunch, and service (Christmas gifts for our homebound members). RSVP on the sign-up in the gathering space by Dec. 1.

**Blessing Box** - Our new Blessing Box is located off the parking lot, in the yard near our church sign. It is a "Little Free Pantry", which provides items to local residents when they need them. These are the items most commonly donated and used to stock the Blessing Box: Canned food with ring-pulls, socks, mittens, crackers, toilet paper, non-perishable foods, bottled water. Donations can be placed in the bin in the Atrium entrance and will be used to fill the Blessing Box as needed. Your donations are greatly appreciated!

**The Mitten Tree** will be in the gathering space awaiting your donations of socks, gloves, mittens, scarves, and hats to be given to needy children in our area. Collection deadline: December 8. Sponsored by Thornville Community Aid. More info: Terrie 740-403-3956, or Beth 614-214-1944.

**Adventures in Faith Mission Project:** We will be taking a weekly offering during each of our various Adventures in Faith classes. This includes both adult classes as well as confirmation. Our mission focus this year is *One Plus God: Tanzania Orphanage and Outreach Ministry*. This ministry is "A Partnership between the Lutheran churches of Tanzania and the States" and "An initiative of Grace Lutheran Church of Jackson Center, Ohio." The purpose of this ministry is: "to partner with Christian Lutheran churches both locally and in the USA to provide holistic care (spiritually, emotionally and physically) to people struggling in remote villages, and orphaned children so that they can be integrated well into society, but also be sufficiently equipped to lead effective change in their communities." We do that through directing "all to Jesus, so that they can find life in Him, experience His love and grace, and then start to share that with the community around them." We will send a financial offering in May.

**Our Adventures in Faith Classes and Leaders:**

- Two Adult Classes - Kris Lamphere in St John's Hall, Room 203 (main level), Karen and Jim Lewis in The Franks Fellowship Hall (lower level)
- 6th - 12th grades - Pastor Theresa Jacobson, AIF/SS Coordinator and Amber Feyh (top floor)
- 1st -5th grades - Jessica Rockey (top floor)
- PreK-K - Linda Keaser in Noah's Club (lower level)
- Confirmation Class - Pastor Tom Jacobson Classroom 1, Room 206 (off Gathering space, main level)

**"My Fifty-Two Favorite Hymns"** - Pr. Tom provides a weekly devotional reflection on his list of fifty-two of his favorite hymns, one for each week of the year. A recent favorite is available to listen to on our YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/@Grace4Thornville/videos> You can access all the weekly reflections at the following link: <https://theelectronicconventicle.weebly.com>

**"Phishing" Scams** - In our sinful world, there is unfortunately no shortage of people who seek to deceive and take advantage of others. Churches and their leaders are often targets of such scams. Often, such scammers will send emails and/or texts to church members pretending to be the pastor and then asking for money or gift cards. If you receive one of these emails or other communications, ignore them. Pastor Tom or other NALC church leaders will never contact you in such a manner. If you do receive such an email or text, please let the church office know.

SCHEDULE FOR NOV 17-24		
<u>Today</u>	8:00am	Worship
	9:15am	Adventures in Faith Classes
	9:15am	Confirmation Class
	10:30am	Worship
	11:45am	Youth Mission Trip Meeting
	1:30pm	Variety Show Practice
<u>Monday</u>	4:00pm	Bible Study
	7:00pm	Handbell Practice
	7:00pm	Dartball @ Maple St.
<u>Tuesday</u>	12:00pm	Senior Citizens
	5:00pm	Tuesday's Table @ Champs Pizza
	5:30pm	Sewing
	7:30pm	Council Meeting
<u>Wednesday</u>	11:00am	LifeWise Academy
<u>Thursday</u>	11:30am	LifeWise Academy
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
<u>Friday</u>	8:00pm	AA Meeting
<u>Saturday</u>	12:00pm	R. Wilke
<u>Next Sunday</u>	8:00am	Worship
	9:15am	Adventures in Faith Classes
	9:15am	Confirmation Class
	10:30am	Worship
	1:30pm	Variety Show Practice

**Serving Today:**

Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Jacobson  
 Assisting Minister: Kelly O'Reilly  
 Greeters: Peg Shafer (8am); Casey Sigler, Leslie O'Hara (10:30)  
 Lector: Beth Raab (8am); Ana Grum (10:30)  
 Acolytes: Karsen Large (10:30)  
 Accompanist: Sue Ellen Simmons

**Serving Next Sunday:**

Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Jacobson  
 Assisting Minister: Tom Rodgers  
 Greeters:  
 Lector: Luann Cooperrider (8am); Theresa Jacobson (10:30)  
 Acolytes:  
 Accompanist: Sue Ellen Simmons

**Attendance:** Nov. 10: 8:00: 53; 10:30: 81

**Giving:** General: \$3,590.; Lancaster Food: \$10.; Disaster: \$50.; NALC: \$25.; Local Food: \$15.; Carlos & David: \$680.; Backpack: \$140.; Pastor Didi: \$150.; Vogt family: \$5.; LifeWise: \$150.; Capital Campaign: \$10.; AIF: \$40.; Thankoffering: \$415.20; KFC Youth: \$20. Total: \$5,300.20